(5) Conduct investigations and inquiries into shipping casualties on Indian Ships in any part of the world and foreign vessels in India, as a substantially interested state, under Part XII of the M.S. Act.

(6) Implementation of IMO and ILO conventions, recommendations, obligations as adopted by the Govt. of India from time to time.

(7) Conduct Port State Control and Flag State Implementation inspection.

(8) Conduct audits under the ISM Code and ISPS Code.

(c) The Government have initiated measures to modernize and streamline the working of all the MMDs including Chennai for better development of maritime sector. Additional staff has been sanctioned and new MMDs have been set up. Following the delegation of the statutory functions of survey to Indian Register of Shipping, the MMDs have more time to attend to other statutory functions. E-governance modules have also been rolled out to streamline various functions discharged by MMDs.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) No fresh steps are under consideration to decentralize and strengthen the office of Directorate General of Shipping in Tamil Nadu and Kerala.

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PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Report and Accounts (2008-09) of Lokopriya Gopinath Bordoloi Regional Institute of Mental Health, Tezpur and related papers

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): Sir, I lay on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:

(a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Lokopriya Gopinath Bordoloi Regional Institute of Mental Health, Tezpur, for the year 2008-09, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute.

[Placed in Library. *See* No.L.T. 954/15/09]

I. Notifications of the Ministry of Shipping

II. Report of the Shipping Corporation of India Ltd., Mumbai and related papers

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN): Sir, I lay on the Table

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Shipping, under sub-section (4) of Section 124 of the Major Port Trusts Act, 1963:

(1) G.S.R. 767 (E), dated the 20th October, 2009, publishing the Kandla Port Trust Employees (Recruitment, Seniority and Promotion) Amendment Regulations, 2009.